

**COMPOSITE PARTICLES IMPARTING SEQUENTIAL CHANGES IN
FOOD PRODUCTS AND METHODS OF MAKING SAME**

ABSTRACT

Composite particles are provided that impart unique, entertaining
5 optical and/or organoleptic effects in food products when exposed to an
aqueous environment. In one embodiment, the composite particles have a
least two layers which, when exposed to an aqueous environment, provide at
least two sequential changes in the food product. Such changes can include
changes in color or other visual appearance characteristics, flavor, and the
10 like, as well as combinations thereof. In another embodiment, the composite
particles are included in a powdered beverage mix wherein the powdered
beverage mix itself provide the initial sequential change followed, by an
appropriate delay, the second sequential change; further sequential changes
can be provided, if desired, by providing additional layers with the appropriate
15 optical and/or organoleptic ingredients therein.